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GOVERNOR WALKER'S TOOLS HELP MILWAUKEE COUNTY BALANCE BUDGET

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisors Joe Sanfelippo, Joseph A. Rice and Paul Cesarz released the following joint statement after the County Board's final action on the 2012 County Budget this afternoon:

“Even before putting pencil to paper, Milwaukee County faced a \$55 million budget shortfall for 2012. In an effort to close that gap, two months ago, County Executive Chris Abele utilized the tools given to him by Governor Scott Walker and proposed a budget that would have saved taxpayers more than \$27 million in 2012. Ultimately, the 2012 budget as amended and adopted by the County Board includes more than \$24 million in savings.

“Without Governor Walker's reforms, the \$24 million in savings finalized by the Board today never would have materialized. The County likely would have been forced to make substantial cuts to programs and services, lay off hundreds of employees and increase taxes on County residents already overburdened with property taxes.

“These badly needed reforms are already helping to rein in the runaway cost of government in Milwaukee County and across Wisconsin. We want to thank Governor Walker, and those in the Legislature who supported these changes, for having the wisdom to decipher the problem and the courage to cure it.”

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